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STANLEY SEES NEGROES HERE FOR MEXICANS

Twenty thousand negroes from the southern states are ready to take a train for California and work in the state's orchards and fields at $1 a day in the event the Box or Harris bills excluding Mexican labor are enacted into law by the present Congress.

Word to this effect has just come to the agricultural labor bureau of the San Joaquin valley, a co-operative labor exchange maintained at Fresno at the expense of the valley grape, fruit and cotton growers as partial insurance against labor shortage at time of harvest peak. According to F. J. Palomares, manager of the labor bureau, an Alabama labor contractor has written to that bureau, saying that he was conversant with the farm labor situation in California as it might be effected by the passage of a Mexican exclusion law and stood ready to ship 20,000 negroes immediately.

"They are receiving now $1 a day with board, and would be very glad to come west on those terms whenever needed," the labor contractor added.

This condition, which is well known among California agriculturists, refutes the contention that farmers are looking solely for cheap labor. The farmers hope to maintain a dependable, fluid source of labor supply. To this end over a ton and a half of protest against the Box bill has been sent to Congress.